



Summer Term 5 Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very busy half term and we extend our thanks to all parents and carers for your support with all the different activities and fundraising that have taken place over the half term.

School Logo Design

This week I have launched an exciting project to create a new school logo. The children have been asked to think really carefully about what makes Ashover Primary School a special place to be, what they think are the values and ethos of our school and how this could be represented in a new school logo. These ideas will then be collated and used in designing a new logo and motto. I am very keen for as many children as possible to be involved in this project and would be grateful if you would encourage your child to submit their design on A4 paper and return it to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Diary News

Please see below a list of key diary dates for the rest of the summer term – these will be updated on the website as necessary.

Monday 1 st June	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils.
Tuesday 2 nd June	Summer Term 6 begins.
Thursday 4 th June	Kwick cricket – boys.
Friday 5 th June	Bottle collection for Summer Fair.
Monday 8 th June	Arts Week (Africa theme). We would welcome any parental support during the week – please contact your child's class teacher. Y6 Cycling Proficiency will take place during this week and possibly the following week.
Tuesday 9 th June	New Parents Meeting 9am. School Journey Parents Meeting 4pm.
Wednesday 10 th June	African Music and Drumming Workshops.
Thursday 11 th June	Kwick cricket – girls.
Monday 15 th June	Y1 Phonics Check week – statutory assessment.
Friday 12 th June	Open Arts Week Gallery for Parents from 3pm – everyone welcome.
Tuesday 16 th June	Sports day afternoon.
Thursday 18 th June	South Peak Sports.
Thursday 25 th June	Provisional date for the Coleman Cup football tournament.
Monday 29 th June	School journey – children depart for the Isle of Wight.
Wednesday 1 st July	Y1 and Y2 visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. New Reception children visiting am. Early Riders for Reception at Tupton Hall School.
Thursday 2 nd July	New Reception children visiting am.
Friday 3 rd July	Provisional date - Reception class visit to the Butterfly House. School journey – children return from the Isle of Wight.
Tuesday 7 th July	Pro-kick Challenge.
Wednesday 8 th July	Provisional changeover day (children in new classes).
Friday 10 th July	Summer Fair: 3.30-6.00pm.
Monday 13 th July	Safety Awareness week. Please contact Mrs Spender if you work for an organisation and you/they would be willing to help us during the week in any of the following areas: road safety, fire safety, quarry safety, water safety, e-safety, electrical safety, railway safety, first aid, emergency services.



Tuesday 14 th July	Provisional date for Y4-6 concert at Tupton Hall School.
Thursday 16 th July	School Disco – KS1 and KS2 children.
Friday 17 th July	Quad Kids.
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y6 Bowling trip.
Friday 24 th July	School breaks up for summer. End of year non-uniform day ☺.
Monday 7 th September	INSET DAY – school is closed to pupils.

Staff News

Baby news... we'd like to congratulate Mr and Mrs Harvey on the safe arrival of baby Evan who was safely delivered Saturday 4th April. As you may be aware, Mrs Greenway is due to begin her maternity leave shortly and it is her intention that this will commence the week beginning Monday 8th June 2015.

Mrs Preston has very kindly agreed to teach the current Year 1 class from this time until the end of the academic year in order to provide a familiar face for the children during their last few weeks in Year 1 and, as a highly experienced Year 2 teacher, to aid transition into Year 2 in September. Consequently, Mrs Rodda has also kindly agreed to work Monday – Thursday in Year 2 for this period, with Mrs Walden teaching Year 2 each Friday.

I would also like to inform you that Mrs Preston will be leaving us at the end of this academic year to take up a full time post at another local primary school. We will obviously be very sad to see Mrs Preston leave after twenty-one years of dedication to the school however, I am sure you will join us in congratulating her on this appointment.

Children's News

Firstly, I would like to congratulate all the Year 6 children who have worked so hard in the lead up to sitting their SATs last week. Not only have they show determination and hard work during the weeks and months leading up to the tests, during the actual test week they demonstrated great resilience and a desire to do their best. As a school, we are so proud of them and I know that they will achieve the success they all deserve. The week culminated in a lovely party afternoon with many kind donations of food for which I thank you as parents.

Several trips and visits have taken place this term. Year 3 and 4 children visited Southwell Workhouse as part of their topic work about the Victorians. They spent the day dressed in Victorian costume and learned what it was like to be a poor child living in workhouse conditions. They also had the opportunity to examine genuine Victorian artefacts and find out all about what they were used for.

Despite torrential rain, Year 5 and 6 children went to visit Holmebrook Valley Park as part of their water worlds work. During the day they were able to investigate different river features; how they are formed and shaped then investigate a small section of river for different life forms and analyse the river in more depth.

KS1 children all enjoyed a walk around Ashover with Mr Felton as part of their learning about our local area.

Next term, Year 1 and 2 children will be visiting the Yorkshire Sculpture Park and Reception children will be visiting the Butterfly House. Without the contributions from parents and from Friends of the School, these trips would not be possible so many thanks go to all involved.

Congratulations to the Go Ride team who went through to the district final and came second overall – a great achievement!

The netball team has been practising hard and have taken part in several matches against other schools in the cluster. This will culminate in a tournament in June and we wish them the very best of luck!

Yesterday we entered two teams in the Bunting Cup football tournament which was held at Cavendish Fields in Matlock – the children played really well and were great sportsmen (and women!) throughout the



competition. The end results: boys finished 2nd in group after winning two and drawing three matches, girls also came second in their group by virtue of goals scored after winning four matches and losing one. Well done to all our budding footballers.

Lunch Time and After School Clubs

We are lucky to be able to offer the following clubs after the half term break – please note that letters for new clubs will be issued to the relevant year groups during the first week back with clubs starting the week commencing **08/06/15**, with the exception of the Qualitas Fundamentals and Athletics club which start on Thursday 4th June. Once again, Y6's are applying to run clubs for younger children and each class will be advised accordingly.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Lunch Club	Lunch Club	Lunch Club Choir	Lunch Club Chess Y3-6, Netball
After School Club Dance Y1/2 , Craft Y3/4, Cooking Y4 Football Y1	After School Club Code it Y6	After School Club Mad Science	After School Club Fundamentals KS1, Athletics KS2, Make it, break it Y1-3, Cricket

Parking

Many parents who walk their children to school have commented on the number of parents parking dangerously on Narrowleys Lane forcing pedestrians to walk on the road or blocking the road restricting access for buses. Please show consideration by not blocking residential drives, parking on the yellow lines or pavement when dropping off or collecting your child from school. The safety of all members of our school community is paramount and all parents have a responsibility in this. During Travel Smart week this week, some members of our School Council and PCSO Coates have been monitoring the parking situation – see results of their survey attached to this newsletter.

Friends of Ashover School News

The Friends of Ashover School have raised funds for school this term through Mother's Day gifts, Bags2Schools, May Day stall and other events as detailed in their newsletter. They are very busy planning the forthcoming Summer Fair On **Friday 10th July 3.30-6.00pm**. We hope that by holding the event straight after school and involving the children in more of their own stalls, we will have a tremendous turnout! Fingers crossed for fine weather!

Once again, I would like to remind you of easyfundraising.org.uk which is a **very** easy way to raise funds for school. If you have not already done so, **please register** – and encourage family and friends to register - using the details below:

1. **Go to** www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofashoverschool
2. **Sign up for free**
3. **Get shopping** - your donations will be collected by easyfundraising and automatically sent to school. It couldn't be easier!

There are hundreds of shops within the scheme – approximately £160 has been raised so far, just through using this link for online shopping – please support school fundraising by using this very easy system.

I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable half term break and look forward to welcoming you back to school on Tuesday 2nd June.

Yours faithfully

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Mrs V Spender
Headteacher

